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In re Application of:	Eckhard Alt
Application No.:	09/735401
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Examiner:	Michael Thaler
Group Art Unit:	3731

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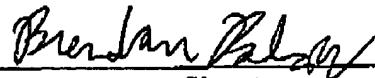
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